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**Gov. Edwards' Request for Harvey-Related Assistance
Approved by President Trump**

BATON ROUGE (October 16, 2017) – Today, Gov. Edwards' request for Federal assistance for communities following Tropical Storm Harvey was approved by President Trump. Tropical Storm Harvey made landfall in Louisiana in August, five days after striking Texas as a Category 4 hurricane.

"We appreciate this support from our Federal partners," said GOHSEP Director Jim Waskom. "Our communities in southwest Louisiana were impacted by Harvey while we worked to keep our residents and residents of Texas safe. We urge FEMA to consider our entire request in order to help our citizens recover and become more resilient."

All categories of Public Assistance (PA) was approved for:

Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, St. Charles, and Vernon Parishes.

PA for emergency protective measures, including direct Federal assistance, was approved for:

Acadia, Assumption, DeSoto, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Lafourche, Lafayette, Plaquemine, Rapides, St. Mary, and Vermillion Parishes.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) PA program provides Federal assistance to government organizations and certain private nonprofit (PNP) following a Presidential disaster declaration. PA provides grants in order for communities to quickly

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respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies. Through this program, FEMA can provide supplemental assistance for debris removal, life-saving emergency measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged publicly-owned facilities and the facilities for certain non-profit organizations.

In addition to the PA approval, hazard mitigation assistance through the **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program was approved in all areas of the state impacted by Harvey.**

Hazard Mitigation is any action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural disasters.

The state's request for **Individual Assistance (IA)** in order to help homeowners and households is **still under review**.

FEMA indicates additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

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